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For: METHOD OF SEARCHING DOCUMENTS AND A SERVICE FOR
SEARCHING DOCUMENTS

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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002,
please amend the above application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 10-18 as follows:

10. (Amended) A service for searching documents wherein
servers comprising document databases and programs to
manipulate said databases are dispersed over a network and a
client connected to said servers performs a document search,
said service providing a document search method comprising the
steps of:

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